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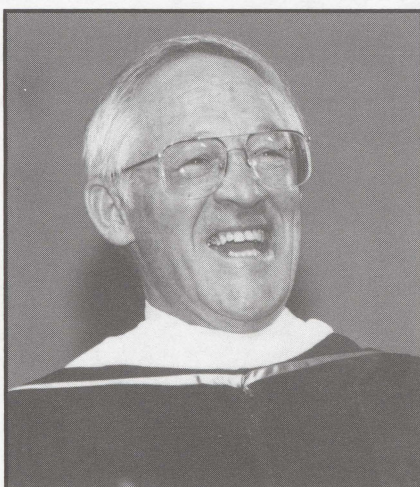
Dr. Jack Gannon, Senator Robert Dole address Gallaudet's Class of 1996

Gallaudet's rich legacy is not just something for the University community to cherish and admire, said Dr. Jack Gannon in his address to the Class of '96. Instead, it is the role of every individual at Gallaudet to add something to the legacy that will sustain it for future generations.

"Give your heart. Give your time, your knowledge, your money," urged Gannon. "Use your life to make a difference. By giving freely of ourselves we receive much in return. Give something back!"

Throughout his 28-year career at Gallaudet, Gannon has exemplified these ideals. University President I. King Jordan, in his introduction of Gannon as Commencement speaker, said, "He's truly 'Mr. Gallaudet.'" Dr. Jordan then gave a summary of Gannon's long and distinguished career as a leader at Gallaudet and in the deaf community.

Gannon, who graduated from Gallaudet in 1959 and received an honorary doctoral degree from the University in 1988, has gained widespread admiration for his duties as executive secretary of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, and for the past eight



Dr. Jack Gannon

years as special assistant to the president for advocacy. In addition to being a highly sought speaker, Gannon has gained fame as the author of *Deaf Heritage: A Narrative History of Deaf America* and *The Week the World Heard Gallaudet*.

Gannon is presently writing a book on the history of the World Federation of the Deaf, and he said

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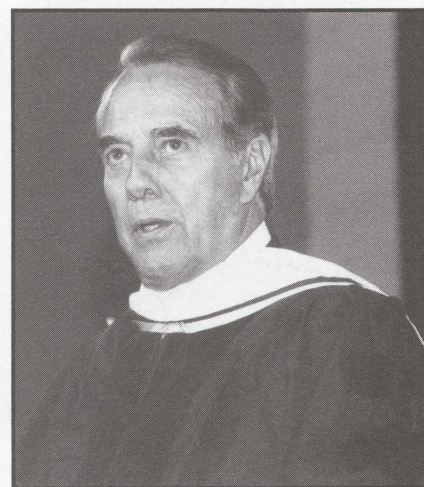
Too often, a person's success is judged by his or her job title, Senate majority leader Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.) said in his address to the Class of '96 May 10. But in their later years, when the graduates reflect on their lives, said Dole, "You will not add up your material resources."

"Rather, you'll focus on your inner resources," said Dole, "and you'll ask: 'Did I make a difference—a positive difference in the life of my community and my country? Did I make a difference in the lives of others?'"

Although there are many actions that men and women can take to answer affirmatively to these questions—voting and volunteering, for example—Dole said that the graduates "are equipped through your Gallaudet education to do much more. Each of you has been exposed as most never have to the day to day workings of democracy and to the great issues of our time."

Therefore, Dole presented a challenge for "each member of the Class of 1996 to go above and beyond the call of duty. I challenge each of you to make a difference in the great issues of the day."

Throughout his talk, Dole expressed praise for the University.



Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.)

"It can be truly said that Gallaudet educates not only its students, but the rest of the world—including this senator—as well," he said.

Dole, who has a track record of being a staunch supporter of legislation involving the rights of people with disabilities, stated that he has also been an advocate for Gallaudet. "I was proud to vote to confer University status on Gallaudet in 1986," said Dole, "and today I want to reaffirm my commitment and support for this great university."

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Class of '96 savors the excitement at Gallaudet's 127th Commencement

Facing the Class of '96 at the 127th Commencement exercises May 10, Gallaudet President I. King Jordan expressed his sentiments to the graduates: "Today is your day. I hope you savor every moment of it!"

They needed little encouragement. The Field House was buzzing with excitement as soon as the procession of graduates entered the door, with the flashes of hundreds of cameras popping as friends and relatives captured the moment on film. Once inside, spirits grew higher as members of the Class of '96 graduates chatted among themselves and with well-wishers while waiting for the ceremony to begin.

The late addition of Senate majority leader and presidential contender Robert Dole (R-Kan.), as a Commencement speaker along with Dr. Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president for advocacy, added to the magnitude of the day. An estimated 50 representatives from all major news organizations who are on the campaign trail crowded into a press area at the back of the Field House to report on Dole's remarks. (*Stories on Gannon's and Dole's addresses appear on page 1.*)

This year, approximately 344 students participated in Commencement

exercises. A total of 325 degrees were officially awarded for the 1995-96 academic year, which includes students who completed their degree requirements in August and December 1995 and May 1996: 188 bachelor's, 111 master's, six Ph.D.'s, nine specialists, and 11 associates of applied science.

The University presented honorary degrees to Dole, Dr. Robert Davila, Dr. George Detmold, and Alexander Fleischman. (*See related story, page 3.*)

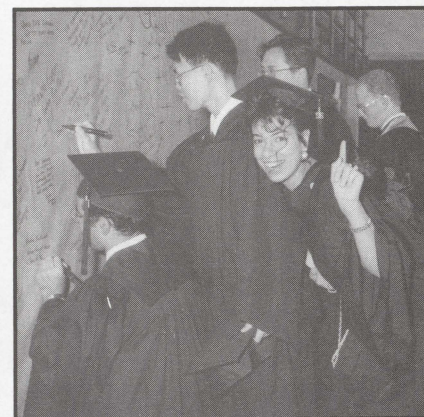
In addition, three faculty members were named professors emeriti. Dr. Yerker Andersson, professor of sociology and chair of the Deaf Studies Program, and Dr. Deborah Sonnenstrahl, professor and former chair of the Art Department—both of whom retired at the end of the spring semester, and Herbert Woofert, an associate professor of communication arts and former chair of that department, who retired in 1991.

Dr. Donald Ammons, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and director of the Foreign Study Program, was selected as the recipient of the 1996 President's Distinguished Faculty Award.

A new award, the Schaefer



It's all smiles on Graduation Day! LEFT: Holly Elkins receives her M.A. and a traditional Hawaiian Lei. RIGHT: Members of the undergraduate Class of '96 sign their names on a banner in Hughes Gym before marching to the Field House.



Distinguished Professor's Award, goes to Dr. Lois Bragg, associate professor of English, for the 1996-97 academic year, and to Dr. Barry Crouch, professor of History, for the 1997-98 academic year. The award, which allows an outstanding faculty or staff member to undertake a significant project, is made possible by a 1995 gift from William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer. The gift will also be used to establish the Schaefer Distinguished Lecture Series, which will begin in 1997.

The College of Arts and Sciences awarded a doctor of philosophy

degree in clinical psychology to Sybil Smith-Gray. Three other students, Jo Ann Mackinson, Judith Fruge, and Ernesto Santistevan, are expected to complete their doctor of philosophy degree requirements in clinical psychology this August. The School of Education and Human Services awarded doctor of philosophy degrees in administration and supervision to Juanita Cebe, Jo Linder-Crow, and Mary Mason, and doctor of philosophy degrees in education to Deborah Karres and Faye Miller.

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Dr. Jordan presents strategic objectives

Gallaudet president I. King Jordan announced strategic objectives to guide the University at the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees May 10. Dr. Jordan also outlined a spending plan for the rest of the fiscal year based on these objectives.

Jordan said that the budget signed by president Bill Clinton on April 26, which cut three percent in the University's federal appropriation from FY 1995, was indeed a far better scenario for Gallaudet than the earlier proposal by Congress to trim 10 percent.

But Jordan added that his testimony before a Congressional Subcommittee on Education earlier that morning and the day before emphasizes the fact that Gallaudet must continue to find ways to be more cost effective. With this goal in mind, Jordan set forth the following objectives, all of which are reflected in the University's Vision Statement and Mission Statement:

- The University will concentrate on seeing that Gallaudet students achieve their academic goals and attain productive employment.
- Gallaudet will set the national standard for best practices in the education of deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Gallaudet will establish a sustainable resource base.

Jordan said that this fall he will charge representative working groups with reviewing supporting objectives and detailing what is needed to monitor the University's progress in the coming years.

For the balance of the 1996 fiscal year, Jordan announced several important actions:

- The University now has sufficient funds to make the transfers to deferred maintenance and reserves mandated by board established policy.
- One million dollars earmarked specifically for student scholarships will be transferred to the endowment.
- Eligible employees will receive a one-time 3 percent compensation payment. Jordan said that the payment is being made to recognize the special efforts of the University community to decrease spending and improve efficiency during the year.
- Additional funds will be allocated to support technology improvements in all divisions and to support student literacy.
- The University will match the \$1 million federal appropriation for

constructing an addition to the Field House. Jordan pointed out that if the federal funding is not used this fiscal year, it will be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

Also at the spring meeting, the Board of Trustees voted in support of the Pre-College National Mission Programs Plan, which states that Pre-College will implement all components of the National Mission Plan, which is designed to meet the requirements of the Education of the Deaf Act amendments of 1992. Further, the board approved the redirection and restructuring of Pre-College based on the concepts, objectives, and activities outline in the National Mission Plan.

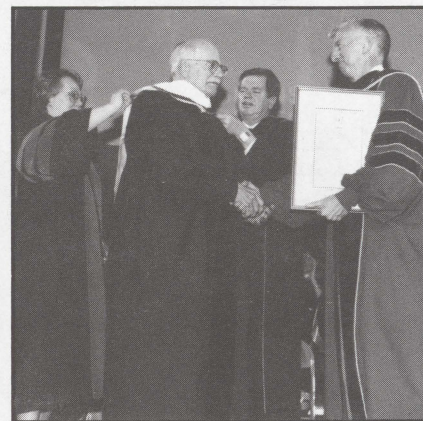
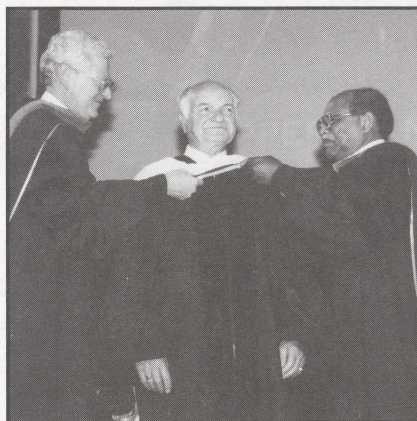
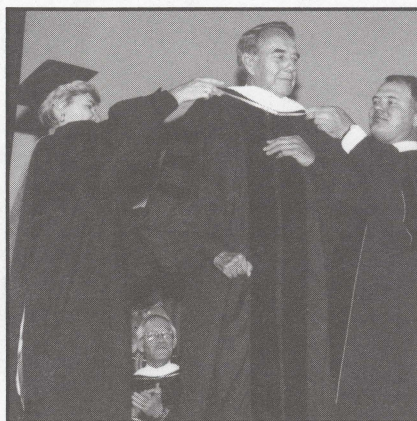
The board also approved revisions to the furlough policy adopted at the February meeting with the understanding that input from the campus community had not yet been received.

A new member of Gallaudet's Board of Associates was named by the Board of Trustees—John Derrick, president of PEPCO. Derrick will become chair of operations when the expected merger between PEPCO and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company takes place this fall.

Dr. Laurel Glass, chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs, informed the board that the draft of the University's mid-point progress report to the Middle States Association, the body that approves the University's 10-year re-accreditation, is due to the MSA in June. Glass said that the report, which was authored by Dr. Paul Siegel, of Committee S (Quality in Education Programs), is "beautifully written."

Glass also commended the Division of Academic Affairs for the "intense effort" exhibited by Academic Affairs vice president Roslyn Rosen and deans and faculty members in the division for the ongoing restructuring effort that is taking place within the division.

The board awarded tenure to Dr. Patricia Johanson, an associate professor in the Department of Business Administration; Dr. Donna Morere, an associate professor in the Psychology Department; Dr. Carol Riddick, a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation; and Dr. Lois Bragg, associate professor, Dr. Cynthia Peters, assistant professor, and Dr. Pia Walters, associate professor, all in the English Department.



(Clockwise from top left): Board of Trustees member Jean Crabtree and SEHS dean William McCrone hood Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.), vice president for Pre-College National Mission Programs Jane Fernandes (left) and Board of Trustees member Carol Padden hood Dr. Robert Davila; President Jordan confers an honorary degree on Dr. George Detmold as he is hooded by CAS dean Jane Dillehay and School of Management acting dean Ronald Sutcliffe; Board of Trustees members Philip Bravin (left) and Charles Williams hood Alexander Fleischman.

Four leaders receive honorary degrees

Four noted leaders were recognized as recipients of honorary degrees at Gallaudet's 127th Commencement exercises May 10.

Honorary doctor of laws degrees were presented to Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.), who addressed the Class of '96 (see story, page 1), Dr. Robert Davila, and Alexander Fleischman, and an honorary doctor of letters degree went to Dr. George Detmold. The degrees were conferred by Gallaudet president I. King Jordan upon recommendation from vice president for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen.

In reading the citation awarding Dole's degree, Board of Trustees chair Glenn Anderson noted that Dole, who is Senate majority leader and the 1996 Republican nominee for the presidency of the United States, has supported every major piece of disability legislation that has come before Congress in the past 27 years.

In addition to playing a major role in the development and passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Dole was instrumental in bills such as the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, the 1975 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the 1975 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the 1986 Education of the Deaf Act, the 1988 Technology Assistance Act, the 1990 Television Decoder Circuitry Act, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Dr. Anderson's remark that Dole's "efforts to put a TTY in every Senate office have meant that we, at long last, have equal access to our elected officials," brought rousing applause from the audience.

Dole was hooded by Board of Trustees member Jean Crabtree and School of Education and Human Services dean William McCrone.


Board of Trustees member emeritus Frank Sullivan, in reading Davila's citation, said that Davila, who was one of eight children born to Mexican immigrant farm-working parents, and who became deaf at age 8, "truly embodies the American Dream." Due to his hard work and leadership abilities, Davila was nominated by U.S. President George Bush in 1989 as assistant secretary of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the U.S. Department of Education.

A 1953 graduate of Gallaudet, Davila became director of Kendall Demonstration Elementary School

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David de Vicq (left) chats with President Jordan and Board of Trustees member John Yeh in the GUKCC at the May 8 Friends of Gallaudet Reception, an annual event that recognizes strong supporters of the University. In 1995, de Vicq gave a generous gift toward the completion of the Conference Center in memory of George Manetas, '92 (Pictured second from right is interpreter Jim Van Manen.)



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Grads encouraged to carry on legacy

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that he plans to continue writing after his retirement this fall.

Looking back to 1954 when he arrived at Kendall Green as a new student from his home in Missouri, Gannon told the audience that his first impression was rather inauspicious. "The very first upperclassman I met greeted me with, 'Hello, you new prep blockhead!' I was stunned! And I confess, I was very, very tempted to turn around and go home. But I didn't. Thank God!"

Entering Gallaudet, said Gannon, "was truly the beginning of my journey into the world of the deaf." He became involved in nearly all of the student organizations, particularly *The Buff and Blue* and *Tower Clock*, all of which helped mold his career. In fact, he said, the best experience of his life took place in his student days—meeting Rosalyn, his wife of 36 years.

Gannon took the opportunity to thank another important role model in his life, Paul Baldrige ('44), his teacher and coach at the Missouri School for the Deaf, who was in the audience. He also recalled another influential figure from his youth, an uneducated black deaf friend who taught him the credo he has lived by: "Proud yourself always."

Like Gannon, everyone can recall someone who has played a

major role in their lives. Therein lies the secret of Gallaudet's legacy, said Gannon. "Gallaudet is a people university. People working with people; teaching, encouraging, pushing, pulling, and serving people worldwide. The legacy of this great University has been created by individuals who have left 'footprints' in the sands of time. Our University's legacy is rich and colorful because of the dedication, the commitment, and the sacrifices that extra mile who have gone that extra mile."

"... As you graduate today, you assume ownership of this University and you take part of the Gallaudet legacy with you. Be proud of it. Share it. Add to it."

Early in his address, Gannon told an anecdote about Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, who served as president from 1864 to 1910. Seven years after his retirement, Gallaudet returned to make a presentation to the student body. When he had finished, a student presented him with a bouquet of roses and, visibly moved, Gallaudet said, "I am tempted ... tempted to be content."

As Gannon concluded his talk, everyone in the capacity crowd rose to their feet and gave him an extended ovation. Then, as Jordan presented him with a bouquet of roses, Gannon confessed that at that moment he, like Gallaudet, was "tempted to be content."

Mood is celebratory at May 9 hooding

By Roz Prickett

Although the threat of a rain storm caused the President's reception that followed the Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony to be moved inside to the HMB Atrium instead of its traditional spot under tents on Kendall Green, the ceremony itself was jubilant and celebratory.

The May 9 program in Elstad Auditorium featured bestowing hoods to students receiving master's degrees, recognizing students who were receiving doctorate degrees and who would receive their hoods during Commencement, and presenting 24 awards.

The awards portion of the program began with the Department of Education presenting the Marjorie Stull Memorial Scholarship Award to Kimberly Scott-Olson; the William J. Zapetini Scholarship to Maribel Garate; Laurie Ann Gilbert; the Daniel T. Cloud Award to Michael Delgado and Sarah Jindra; and the Helen Fay Award to Dirk Albrecht.

The Department of Counseling presented the Mima Bravo Award to Michael Brennan, and the Department of Administration and Supervision's Thomas J. Landers Award went to Aretha Green. The Robert R. Davila Award for demonstrating outstanding performance and fellowship in educational technology went to Brigitte Biondo.

The School of Communication Award was given to Jamey Gitchel and the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology's Seltzer League Award was given to Kathryn Balestino and Lori Smith. The Department of ASL, Linguistics, and Interpretation gave two awards: the Outstanding Linguistics Award to Robbin Hoopes and the Ron Coffey

Award for excellence in interpreting to Amy Rogers.

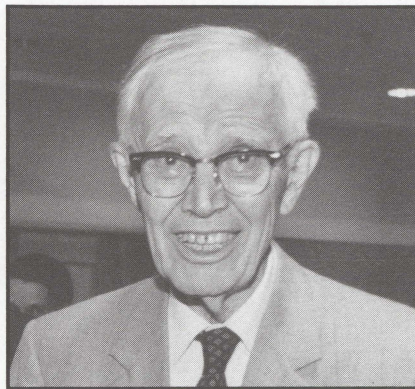
The Department of Psychology gave its Elizabeth Peet Award for outstanding work in school psychology to Robert Koenig and its Larry G. Stewart Award for outstanding work in clinical psychology to Jo Ann Mackinson. The G. Arlene Gavin Award was given to Jana Roberts of the Department of Social Work.

The Outstanding Graduate Student Achievement Awards recognizing graduate students who have been exemplary contributors to their fields went to Holly Coryell and Anne Michelle Gristina.

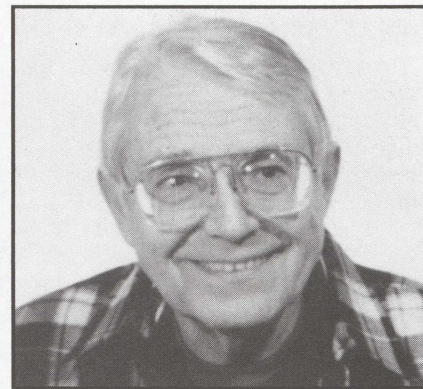
The Writing/Research Award for an outstanding research project or other paper went to Robbin Hoopes and Melanie Lesko. Dr. Jeff Lewis of the Department of Counseling accepted the Outstanding Collaboration Award on behalf of Barry Critchfield. Critchfield, of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, was given this award for his exemplary quality support to Gallaudet graduate programs over the years.

Dr. Anne Spragins received the Graduate Faculty Award for her outstanding work as chair of the Faculty Senate's Council on Graduate Education and for establishing the school psychology program. Carol Bennetti was honored with the Outstanding Service Award for her work and dedication with graduate admissions.

"What I think stood out at the Hooding Ceremony was great deal of shared pride—pride in the students' accomplishments, pride in the graduate programs, and pride in Gallaudet," remarked Dr. Michael Karchmer, dean of the Graduate School and Research, after the ceremony.



Dr. Alan Crammatte



Dr. Benjamin Schowe Jr.

Alan Crammatte, Benjamin Schowe Jr., die

Gallaudet suffered a double loss last week with the passing of two of its most accomplished and respected alumni—Dr. Alan B. Crammatte, '32, and Dr. Benjamin M. Schowe Jr., '42.

Crammatte, 85, of Rockville, Md., died May 15. Schowe, 75, a resident of the Roanoke (Va.) United Methodist Home, died May 12. Plans for memorial services at the University will be announced at a later date.

Both men contributed significantly to the University and to the deaf community through their careers and their many civic endeavors.

Best known to this friends as "ABC," Crammatte joined the Gallaudet faculty in 1956 as a professor in the Department of Business Administration and later became chair of that department. When he retired in 1977, the University awarded him an honorary doctoral degree. He also received the Powrie Vaux Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies for the 1982-83 academic year.

Crammatte strongly supported the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, including serving two terms on its Board of Directors. During the Centennial Fund Campaign in the 1960s, Crammatte served as treasurer. The campaign led to the

establishment of the Graduate Fellowship Fund, the Laureate Clerc Cultural Fund, and the Alumni House Fund. He and his wife, Florence, '35, served as co-chairs of the Alumni House Campaign, raising funds for the renovation of the Alumni House.

Crammatte is survived by his wife of 61 years, two daughters, and four grandsons.

Schowe began a distinguished 15-year career at MSSD in 1971. He held a variety of positions, including English teacher, head librarian, program supervisor in the Learning Resources Center, and records manager. He retired in 1986.

Schowe was active as a member of the Advisory Boards for the Virginia Department of Hearing and the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening for sign language interpreters. He also taught sign language.

Schowe's first wife, Laura, '42, died in 1994. He is survived by his second wife, Billie, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

(Note: Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, acting dean of the School of Management, and Catherine Fischer, LRC supervisor at MSSD, contributed to this article.)

TV, Photo, Ed. Tech. names new chair

Dr. Jane Norman has been named chair of the Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology, effective May 15, according to Dr. William Moses, dean of the School of Communication.

Norman, an associate professor in the department, and the SBG's 1995-96 Faculty Member of the year, replaces Dr. Ronald Nomeland, who retired at the end of the spring semester after 35 years of service.

A faculty member in Television, Photography, and Educational Technology since 1985, Norman holds a Ph.D. in mass communication from Howard University. She received her

B.A. in English literature from Gallaudet in 1968 and her M.A. in educational theater from New York University. Earlier in her career, Norman was a faculty member in the Department of Theatre Arts.

"The Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology will benefit immensely from Dr. Norman's expertise as she further integrates the teaching and production functions of the department," said Moses. "I am confident that Dr. Norman's innovative leadership will be a significant asset to this department and to its campus-wide affiliates."

'Make a difference,' Dole urges grads

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Dole added that before the Deaf President movement of 1988 he wrote to the University's Board of Trustees, urging the appointment of a deaf president. "To me, it was just a matter of common sense," he said. Dole added that Gallaudet President I. King Jordan "is one of my heroes and a man whose advice I count on." He said that Board of Trustees members Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) "are both close friends and big supporters of Gallaudet."

Dole told the graduates that "today is not a day for politics. ... Nor do I believe you invited me

here today to deliver a major policy address on one of the many problems that confront America." He said that "above all, today is a day for celebrating your remarkable achievement."

In closing, Dole made a request of the graduates. "If, years from now, someone asks if you remember the Commencement speech given at your graduation," said Dole, "all I ask is that you say, 'I just remember one thing. I remember that he told me to stand up for what is right.' If you follow that one piece of advice, then I am confident that your life will be full of many days of celebration."

Awards ceremony recognizes individuals

Dr. Jack Gannon, Gallaudet's special assistant to the president for advocacy, and who is retiring this fall after a distinguished 28-year career at the University, received the Man of Merit Award from Delta Epsilon sorority at Committee C's (Faculty and Student Development) annual undergraduate Awards Day ceremony April 25.

Dr. Jane Norman, an assistant professor in the Department of Television, Photography, and Educational Technology, and who is now chair of the department, was presented the Student Body Government's Faculty/Staff of the Year Award. The Tower Clock Dedication went to Jean Berube, assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation.

Following is a list of other awards presented at the ceremony:

Alumni Awards

Deaf President Now Scholarship—SBG president David Simmons and SBG vice president Dina Raevsky; **Earl T. Higgins Memorial Scholarship**—Raylene Harris; **College Bowl Team**—Rob Voreck, Myra Yanke, Jonathan Lamberton, David Kurs; **Kappa Gamma International Scholarship**—Seth Bravin, Lenny Gonzales, Joseph Tsai, Russell West; **Linwood Smith Scholarship**—Robert Pope, Alisha Bingham (undergraduates), Leandra Williams (graduate); **Phi Kappa Zeta Scholarship**—Barbara Hussey (sophomore), Carrie Nichols (junior), Myra Yanke (senior); **Catherine Bronson Higgins Scholarship**—Stefanie Ellis

Academic Department Awards (Art) **Ralph Miller Sr. Award**—Anthony Fattibene; (Athletics) **Female Athlete of the Year**—Dyan Kovacs; **Male Athlete of the Year**—Jeff Ploederl; (Chemistry and Physics) **Charles R. Ely Award**—Shakeeb Hamud, Wendi Weirauch-Olson; **Freshman Chemistry Award**—Bethany Sather; (English) **Lillian Gourley Rakow Creative Writing Award**—Katherine DeLorenzo (senior), Carrie Nichols (junior), Tiffany Anne Green (sophomore), Rob Voreck (most improved); **MacDougall Creative Writing Award**—Katherine DeLorenzo (first), Ann Smith (second), Carl Denny and Charlene Rexford (third); (English Language Institute) **Outstanding ELI Student Award**—Chia-Jung Lu Nicol, Jesus Valdes Sanchez, Tissa Peiris, Chiang-Shen Yu, Yoshiko Sumi, Juan Reinbold; (Experiential Programs Off Campus) **EPOC Hall of Fame Award**—Julia Collins,

Darian Burwell, Jimmie Dixon, Andrea Sailsbery; **Joseph Mattivi EPOC Endowment Award**—Respius Batamula, Chiang-Shen Yu; (History) **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Award**—Britt Anderson; (Mathematics and Computer Science) **Leon Auerbach Freshman Mathematics Award**—Paul Thompson and Wan Wang; (Physical Education and Recreation) **Dorothy Hamberg Memorial Leadership Award**—Floyd Jackson; (Psychology) **Outstanding Psychology Major Award**—Jenny Lin; (School of Management) **Joseph Mattivi Award**—Robert Robinson; **Wall Street Journal Award**—Seth Bravin; **Academic Excellence Award**—Andrew Kopec, Dalit Avnon; **D.C. Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship Award**—Dalit Avnon; **D.C. Area Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants' Outstanding Senior Woman Student Award**—Andrea Sailsbery; (School of Undergraduate Studies) **First Year New Freshman Student Award**—Kim Kause and Avery Foster; **First Year Transfer Student Awards**—Virginia Moore, Alma Delic; (Social Work) **Dorothy Polakoff Award for Academic Excellence**—Delia Tabolov; **Professional Development Award**—Rachel Harris; (Television, Photography, and Educational Technology) **Outstanding All-Around Television Student Award**—Joseph Josselyn; **Best Photography Student of the Year Award**—Maura Hamilton; **Image Award**—Linda Bove

Student Organization Awards (Buff and Blue) **Merit Key Awards**—Tiffany Green, Brian Greenwald; (Delta Epsilon) **Ideal Female Student Award**—Dawn Birley; **Ideal Male Student Award**—Chad Entinger; (Phi Kappa Zeta) **Agatha Tiegell Hanson Award**—Russ West; **Leonard M. Elstad Award**—Kristen Weiner; (SBG) **Andrew M. Lowitz Memorial Award**—Curtis Slater, William Mather; **Andrew M. Lowitz Volunteer of the Year Award**—Stacey Butner; **Barbara Schell Award**—Melissa Draganac; **Julia J. Chung Memorial Award**—Jennifer Labriola; **Stanley Benowitz Award**—David Simmons; **Student Worker of the Year Award**—Jennifer Furlano

Special Awards

Agatha T. Hanson Service Award—Leslie Hussey; **Olof Hanson Service Award**—Neil McDevitt; **Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Award**—Angela Brown Greer, James Brune, Christopher Fears, Ann Smith, Hong You Xu; **Charles R. Ely Scholarship Award**—Koon Wei Ho; **President's Council Award**—Bernadette Hill; **Reginald Lewis Award**—Brett Waltman; **Thomas S. Marr Award**—Amy Gregurich

Honorary doctoral degrees awarded

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in 1974, vice president of Pre-College Programs in 1978, and in 1993, he became the first deaf person to lead the New York School for the Deaf at White Plains, the position he holds today.

Davila was hooded by vice president for Pre-College National Mission Programs Jane Fernandes and Board of Trustees member Carol Padden.

Donna Drake, president of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, who read Detmold's citation, said that it was his vision "that made it possible for our University to become the accredited and respected institution of higher education that it is today."

Detmold's career at Gallaudet began in 1953 as dean. As a result of his administration and guidance, Gallaudet became accredited in 1957. Also during his tenure, new academic departments were created, deaf faculty members were promoted and received tenure, and new buildings were constructed on campus.

Detmold was hooded by College

of Arts and Sciences dean Jane Dillehay and School of Management acting dean Ronald Sutcliffe.

Susan Dickinson, a member of the Board of Trustees, who read Fleischman's citation, spoke of his "lifetime of leadership" that began in the 1940s at the Fanwood School for the Deaf in White Plains, N.Y., where he headed many student organizations. From there, Fleischman went on to lead the American Athletic Association of the Deaf and the World Games for the Deaf for 50 years.

Fleischman has also served as president and executive director of the National Congress of the Jewish Deaf for 40 years and as president of the World Organization of the Jewish Deaf. Among his other innumerable contributions to deaf organizations, he has chaired more than 25 national and international conventions and has been elected to four halls of fame.

Fleischman was hooded by Board of Trustees members Philip Bravin and Charles Williams.



Sherry Bradley (left) and Sybil Smith-Gray address fellow members of the Class of '96.



Commencement brings out high spirits

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CAS awarded specialist degrees in school psychology to Colleen Bell, Alyssa Blum, Amy Castro, Tracey Fauquier, Christine Kinahan, Pamela Siciliano, and Robert Whitaker. SEHS awarded education specialist degrees to Malati Gopal, instructional supervision, and to Jody Dunn, educational supervision.

Graduating summa cum laude—undergraduates with the distinction of completing their degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher—were Elke Betz-Schmidt, Anthony Fattibene, Bernadette Hill, Judith Hummer, and Sherri Marlow. Ten students graduated magna cum laude, with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher, and 17 graduated cum laude, with GPAs of 3.4 or higher.

One other graduate who crossed the stage to receive her diploma with perhaps an extra measure of pride was Anna Prinzevalle, age 77, who received her bachelor's degree in government, and proved to the audience that learning is indeed a lifelong experience.

Donna Drake, ('69, G-'71), president of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates as the newest additions to the estimated 12,000 Gallaudet alumni around the world. Drake congratulated the Class of '96 for its successful fund raising efforts that led to the establishment of the Graduating Seniors Scholarship Fund, beginning with the 1996-97 year.

Sherry Bradley, who received her bachelor's degree in elementary education, and Sybil Smith-Gray spoke to their classmates about the journey that lies before them. "I really love this place," Bradley said of Gallaudet. The mutual love of American Sign Language and respect for the English language that she and her classmates share has served as a common bond, she said.

Bradley, who plans to teach deaf elementary school students, reminded her fellow graduates that each of them share the responsibility of being role models to others in the deaf community, just as their parents, their teachers, and the many individuals who contributed to Gallaudet's heritage gave each of them guidance for the future. "If we each do little things well, we will be good role models," said Bradley. "Others are watching us to do the little things—and the big things—and they are looking for our guidance."

Smith-Gray spoke of the importance of having a dream and holding onto it, even though the dream may oftentimes be elusive. But it was through following a dream

that each member of the Class of '96 made it to Commencement, she said. Completing college took hard work, persistence, and determination, said Smith-Gray, and these attributes could only have come from the support and encouragement of others. "I can't think of a better way to repay the debt we owe to those who supported us at Gallaudet than to do the same for others," she said.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: TH in Beltsville, Md., 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, backs to woods, finished basement, assume \$126,000, \$4,000 to own. Call (301) 776-2395 (V/TTY).

WANTED: Nonsmoking roommate, 1 or 2 small rooms, \$375 or \$425/mo. plus share util. Call Ned, (301) 459-6474.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female age 30-plus to find a 2-BR apt. with same to rent for 1996-97 academic year, prefer College Park, Cheverly, Md., areas, no pets. Call (301) 474-4002 (V).

FOR RENT: Two apts. at 633 Orleans Place, close to campus, separate entrances, secure, reasonable rent. Call Ms. Gaither, (301) 774-9719, and leave msg.

WANTED: File cabinet, lateral file, 4-5 drawers, excl. cond., will offer up to \$160 (incl. delivery to Greenbelt, Md.). Call Barbara, x5350, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 4-BA/2-BA colonial, fireplace, garage, spacious kitchen, dining room w/bay window, den w/sky-light, 5331 Nevada Ave., NW, \$319,500. Call Ross Delston, (202) 362-2260.

FOR RENT: BR in large 3-BR house, minutes from campus, W/D, \$285/mo. plus util, avail. mid-July or Aug. 1. Call Ruth, (202) 675-8640 (V), or Kevin, (202) 546-8119 (TTY), or e-mail 11RROSEN.

FOR SALE: IKEA cherry veneer oval dining table w/6 chairs, excel., \$800/BO; two off-white arm chairs, \$150 each/BO; Sony 19" color TV, \$150/BO; Mitsubishi 19" color TV w/remotes, \$275; walnut and pine veneer end tables, \$30 each/BO. Call Deborah, x5197, or e-mail DMBARRON.

FOR SALE: 2 55-gal. fresh water aquariums w/fish, filter pumps, heaters, gravel, plants, will deliver and set up (in Metro area), \$150 each. Call (703) 683-0924 (V/TTY) eves, or e-mail ERCOSTELLO.

WANTED: Gallaudet student readjusting after recent brain injury needs two women w/positive attitudes to assist in independent living—personal care, some cooking, driving, housekeeping, clerical help, ASL preferred. Full-time position includes salary, some benefits, room and board in condo near Courthouse Metro in Arlington, Va., part-time has weekly salary. Call (301) 699-8435 (V/TTY).

FOR RENT: Mobile home in Fenwick Island, Del., near Ocean City, sleeps 4-6, 2-BA, AC, W/D, DW, kitchen, pool access, \$65/night, 1-2 nights, \$60/night, 3 nights, \$55/night, 4 nights, \$50/night, 5-plus nights. Call Dwight, x5255, or e-mail ADBENEDICT.